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SH residents to be moved out of dorm

Residents believe drug distribution behind administration's decision

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All current Senior House residents will need to go through a "selective" application process in order to live in the dorm next year, Chancellor Cynthia Barnhart PhD '88 announced in an email to Senior House residents June 12. Undergraduates not in Senior House were not officially notified of this decision.

Barnhart said in an interview with *The Tech* that it was "devastating" to learn that "very serious, unhealthy behavior" occurred throughout the dorm's turnaround period and that "negative aspects of the culture persisted" in Senior House despite what seemed to be promising progress throughout the fall semester.

As a result of these findings, MIT's administration decided that current residents would be moved out of Senior House, the chancellor said.

Residents told *The Tech* the problematic behavior cited by the administration was drug-related and included the purchase and distribution of drugs.

Other notable changes include the unprecedented banning of cats and smoking in the dorm. Murals in bedrooms will be painted over but administrators will work with students on "different ways to preserve" other murals, David Randall, senior associate dean of student life and wellbeing, told *The Tech* in an email.

Barnhart said moving students out of Senior House created another challenge: how to fill the beds in Senior House so as to not cause overcrowding in other dorms. She and other top administrators decided to use the space to house displaced New House students, first-year students, and some upperclassmen who are to be selected in the application process.

Throughout last week, students took to mailing lists and social media to express their frustrations and anger with the decisions, and organized a protest which occurred on campus Friday.

Behind the decision to resettle residents

When asked how many students were involved with the "dangerous behavior," the chancellor only responded that the problem was "widespread," and indicated that students living in Senior House would be "implicated" if she disclosed further details. She later elaborated that administration had found that the situation involved "widespread knowledge and acceptance" of the dangerous behavior.

Barnhart similarly cited "dangerous behavior" as the reason for canceling Senior House's annual Steer Roast this past spring.

Barnhart said Senior House students were aware that having all

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DANIEL GONZALES

A hack appeared on Kresge lawn in response to the removal of residents from Senior House

Chants of "Not our chancellor!" reverberate in infinite corridor

Hundreds turn out to protest administration's decisions

By Olivia Brode-Roger
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Students protested MIT's decision to "depopulate" Senior House Friday. The protest started with a sign-making session in Lobby 7, followed by a march to the chancellor's office and a series of speeches from protesters.

The Tech estimates the turnout to be around 100 to 200.

This protest was organized through the mailing list pilot-2021 as well as on Facebook, with an event created by Anya Quenon '20, a Burton Conner resident. During the sign-making session, *The Tech* was not able to find Quenon nor was anyone able to direct us to her.

Although the list pilot-2021 was initially public, it was made private late Wednesday night due to concerns that administrators had added themselves.

Quenon was not the only one *The Tech* had trouble locating. It was only after asking multiple protesters that we were able to locate a current Senior House resident. To the best of our knowledge, the vast majority of participants were residents of East Campus, Random, or Senior House alums. Residents of other dorms were also present, but in less noticeable numbers.

The students' demands were laid out on a large white poster as well as in flyers distributed to passersby. The five demands were: to let Senior House residents stay without having to apply; to increase transparency and include students in decisions; to keep Senior House accessible to low-income students; "No RAs: All dorms >50% upperclassmen;" and "Cats, Murals, Gays!"

The decision to make the dorm smoke-free did not seem contested at the protest.

Daniel Clavijo '18, an East Campus resident, described himself in an interview with *The Tech* as one of the people helping with the protest. Clavijo said that a big issue was how the decision was communicated: Clavijo wanted to know what the dangerous be-

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Protesters march list of demands on their way to the chancellor's office.

Editor's Note

Last Monday morning, *The Tech* published our last planned issue until the end of the month. When the decisions surrounding removing current Senior House residents from E2 and initiating the Pilot 2021 in the building were announced later that afternoon, we began to plan a special issue so that we could print about these events in a timely fashion.

New program for frosh: Pilot 2021 will be in SH

Upperclassmen skeptical, frosh optimistic

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NEWS EDITORS

This coming academic year, Senior House will host Pilot 2021, a freshmen-focused community that will have access to features such as meal kits for $2,500 a year, in-house exercise classes, and "career exploration" programming with faculty participation.

Senior House will continue to be a cook-for-yourself dorm with no form of mandatory dining plan involved. Residents will have the option to buy the meal kit plan, buy food from a community pantry, or opt into the

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Widespread distrust of admins in campus response

Prefrosh "surprised by level of bias" in upperclassmens' description of administration

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Current students and community members respond

There are dozens of threads, hundreds of emails long floating around campus on which students are expressing their displeasure about the recent decisions surrounding Senior House. Students have complaints and concerns about freshmen housing and are largely outraged, seeing the removal of current Senior House residents as an attack on east-side culture.

Students have compared chancellor Barnhart to figures such as Star Wars' Palpatine and Harry Potter's Umbridge.

Asked if she sees a role for the UA to encourage a moderation in student rhetoric, Melvin replied that "we have to understand that the folks who are making these decisions really want to do what's best for students. They're coming to the table with a different view of how to do that. We have to do a better job of articulating that to each other. We have to view each other with respect and be sincere in our engagement. And that's not just a comment on the administration, that's a comment on the students as well."

One current Senior House resident posted to sh-current his concerns that alums were going to the press with incomplete ideas of what was occurring in the dorm while current residents had been keeping silent.

Freshmen respond

There are a handful of current MIT students who have joined the MIT 2021 Facebook group. These upperclassmen have been providing freshmen with their takes on past disagreements with administrators and posting about prevalent campus opinions surrounding the Pilot 2021 announcement.

For example, one 2017 posted an approximately 1400-word long post that began "tl;dr background on shitty things the administration does to student life."

Freshmen responded to this post with the sentiment that it was sad to see that so many things they were excited about at MIT were diminished and not what they thought them to be.

Allie Stanton '18, vice president of DormCon and president of East Campus, made a post encouraging a more positive and proactive approach for freshmen to use Pilot 2021 to create their own communities that carry on ideals of acceptance and freedom that Senior House embodied.

One student in the group asked if other freshmen were going to try out Pilot 2021. His post was met with a mix of cries to boycott the program and others saying that the program looked interesting.

It seemed that Pilot 2021 would give residents "additional support and opportunities," Jenna Himawan '21 told *The Tech* in an email.

Himawan had not been considering living Senior House prior to the Pilot 2021 announcement, but once she heard about the program, she did give it serious consideration. She was interested in the career exploration opportunities and the availability of food kits. Ultimately, Himawan said that culture is very important to her in her dorm ranking decisions and that she couldn't be sure she'd fit into the Pilot 2021 program. As such, she decided against joining Pilot 2021, but said she might change her mind during REX.

"I feel fortunate to have been accepted to a school that is so concerned about student life that it is investing the resources necessary to support those living at Senior House," Himawan wrote.

Another freshman, Adira Balzac '21 wrote to *The Tech* that she was "surprised by the level of bias" in much of the information she'd seen from upperclassmen and said that at times information they gave was not factual.

"I saw one post where the poster said that ethical hacking was created by the administration to shut hacking down, but my parents (both alums and both hackers) were there when ethical hacking was started by the hackers in the 1980s to keep people from getting hurt trying to take down complex hacks," Balzac wrote.

Balzac said that some upperclassmen have treated her "like an ignorant child for questioning the narrative that the administration has always hated Senior House" and that these communications have not been "warm or welcoming."

There's "a lot of anger towards the administration and refusal to consider the value of the Pilot 2021 program," Balzac wrote.

Balzac was not originally considering living in Senior House because it previously allowed smoking, and is not considering joining Pilot 2021.

"[T]he whole thing feels very rushed and cobbled together at the last minute," Balzac said, adding that it seemed to her that "the administration probably didn't want to do this."

Some in the 2021 Facebook group figured that if most freshmen ranked Pilot last, that nobody will live there. However, the chancellor countered this claim. She said that the administration will take acknowledge there is a problem if many freshman rank Pilot last, but that leaving one dorm empty would cause crowding in other dorms, which administrators will seek to avoid.

Concerns about impact on Minority and LBGTQ students

Senior House is hailed as a welcoming environment to disadvantaged groups. Some students feel that by disbanding current residents, the MIT administration is attacking LBGTQ students and other marginalized groups.

An upperclassman in the 2021 Facebook group told freshmen that administrators misused data by neglecting to consider confounding factors such as socioeconomic status and sexual orientation when making the decision to exclude freshmen from Senior House last fall.

The chancellor's office has stated that it analyzed graduation rates based on these factors and others, and found that graduation rates for disadvantaged groups across MIT were higher than rates for those groups at Senior House. The chancellor responded to other concerns about the data behind the decision last July.

Abigail Francis, director of LBGT Services told *The Tech* that it is hard to predict how changes to Senior House will impact LBGTQ residents but that her office is "committed to ensuring the equity and affirmation of all LBGTQ students, especially those impacted by this change."

Yuge Ji '18, DormCon president, said that how Pilot 2021 is implemented will determine if it will be as supportive an environment for marginalized groups as Senior House has been claimed to have been. Ji mentioned that creating spaces for LBGTQ students on campus is more than just including gender neutral bathrooms. It is creating "a place where all identities are not only accepted but overwhelmingly present and visible to those who might sometimes struggle to find a sense of belonging."

Collectively, the heads of house support the chancellor's plan for Senior House, David Singer, associate head of MacGregor House and Undergraduate Head of House Convener wrote to *The Tech*. "There is nothing more important to us than students' safety and welfare."

Singer said that the heads of house "celebrate the diversity of residential cultures" in MIT communities, but that they need to "prioritize student health above all else."

"[W]e take pride in creating a welcoming environment for LGBTQ+ students and those from all socioeconomic backgrounds," Singer wrote. "To any Senior House student looking to relocate to another dorm, the Heads of House say: you are welcome here."

Students debate taking action

Some students debated on ec-discuss whether or not to boycott, or otherwise subvert, next year's CPW as a form of protest of the decisions surrounding Senior House.

DormCon, however, does not endorse those actions.

"We don't believe that it is a productive action. REX and CPW are our times to showcase our vibrant and unique cultures to incoming freshmen, and giving up on that opportunity in protest of this decision would be hurting the very thing that we are trying to show that we care about," Stanton wrote to *The Tech*.

Students took to organizing a protest which occurred on campus Friday. In emails, students debated what the protest's objectives are and strategized on how to achieve them on an email thread.

Students wrote a list of demands for administrators to take which included updating the community values of Pilot 2021 to incorporate more of Senior House's existing values, information about who will be reviewing students' applications should be released, and that freshmen-only housing not become a principle of MIT housing.

Melvin said that she was still optimistic about interactions with administration going forward. "This a hurdle, it's not their decision-making at their best." She said that the UA would work to make sure that in the future, students are involved in big decisions from the start, not just in negotiations on small decisions after the big ones have already been made.

Angry protestors' demands include "Cats, Murals, Gays!"

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havior referred to by the administration was, and that these decisions should not have been made after all the students had gone from campus.

Clavijo also said that he did not know what Senior House residents were, or were not, told.

Allie Stanton '18, DormCon vice president and East Campus president, commented in an post-protest email interview with *The Tech* that the protest reflects a high level of emotions and that she is hoping for a more level-headed dialogue. Stanton also stated that not all of the demands were necessarily feasible.

Stanton had previously replied to a thread organizing the protest on pilot-2021 stating "we want the protest to make us (ua/dormcon) look reasonable in comparison," an apparent attempt to construct the situation to the benefit of student leaders.

When contacted about this email, Stanton only commented that she did not coordinate the statement with DormCon or the UA.

Another member of the pilot-2021 mailing list also reported a student government officer stating "I just want to say that strategically, I think it would be good for the '"demonstrators" to be more "radical" (not really more so than this list you've compiled) so student leaders can compromise from these points if need be." The name of the officer was not shared.

It is unclear how much these statements influenced the protester's demands.

At the time of writing, the mailing list contained almost 400 members including Stanton, Sarah Melvin '18, UA president; Alexa Martin '19, UA vice president; and Yuge Ji '18, DormCon president. None of them replied to Stanton's email. It is not clear to *The Tech* if any of them were members of the list when Stanton sent her email Thursday.

At 4 p.m. the protesters made their way to the Barnhart's office, chanting and drumming. The procession measured a few hundred feet in length. One of the most memorable moments was when the protesters loudly chanted

> **"We want the protest to make us (ua/dormcon) look reasonable in comparison."**

"Not my chancellor!"

Once at the chancellor's office, the protesters began to give speeches. It is not clear whether they were waiting for the chancellor to come out and listen. Barnhart was not on campus that day.

Many Senior House alums and East Campus residents turned out to speak. Many recounted inspirational tales of how their times in their living communities affected them in positive and transformative ways; some offered criticism of the MIT administration and the recent decisions surrounding Senior House, and spoke of community solidarity.

It seemed strange that some of the protester's demands seemed to contradict the explicit wishes of Senior House community members. For example, one of the first speakers, a 2018 who lives in East Campus, demanded administrators make "any data that is used to make decisions about student housing" publically available, something that then Senior House president Sarah Melvin, told *The Tech* last summer she wanted to avoid, concerned that it could "be used to draw false conclusions about individual residents."

This was ironic because a few moments later, the speaker went on to criticize administrators for not responding "to actual student concerns, not what they believe to be in [their] best interests" — it seemed that students and administrators alike are out of touch with what some students want.

Notable amongst the speakers was Massachusetts State Representative Mike Connolly. In an interview with *The Tech*, he said that he learned of the protest that morning while visiting MIT to talk about affordable graduate housing and that he supports any organized community effort to defend their own interests.

Connolly also noted that he was moved by the large turnout given that MIT is in the middle of its summer break.

Connolly did not want to comment on MIT's claim of widespread dangerous behavior we know now is drug-related. He hopes that "MIT will work with and respond to concerns voiced by the community."

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MA Representative Connolly came to support protestors' demands.

Senior House residents need to reapply to continue living in SH

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current residents move out of the dorm was on the table, but students did not have prior knowledge that a program like Pilot 2021 was being considered.

Sabrina Madera '19, co-president of Senior House, said that residents generally didn't know what exactly the chancellor was considering, but assumed that the dorm would likely be depopulated.

Madera said that residents were in conversations with the chancellor's office throughout the semester and suggested solutions such as continuing the turnaround next year and removing the "individuals found doing the dangerous behavior."

The uncertainty around when students would receive a decision about the future of Senior House was incredibly stressful for students throughout the final weeks of the semester, Madera said.

After the announcement last Monday, it seemed to Madera that most of the input Senior House residents gave was "not taken into account."

Madera said that the idea of having an application process to live in the dorm was something that came out of discussions she had had with the associate head of Senior House, Kristen Covino, but that it wasn't Madera's "favorite idea."

The head and associate head of Senior House did not reply to requests for comment.

"Dangerous behavior" and investigating drug use in the dorm

The Tech received a lightly redacted screenshot of minutes from a May 17 Senior House house meeting during which administrative representatives told residents that the MIT Police received information about "ongoing drug purchases, ordering, and distribution" within the dorm.

The Tech confirmed with two Senior House residents that a house meeting occurred on May 17 and that the minutes were authentic, but was unable to reach the police for comment

Senior House resident Sienna Ramos '18 said that administrators launched an investigation as part of a review process in Senior House, interviewing students about their drug use and their knowledge of drug use in the dorm.

Participation in the interviews was "completely voluntary" and "[s]tudents were provided with a number of procedural safeguards, including the ability to have an advisor accompany them in the interview," Barnhart told *The Tech* in an email.

However, Ramos said that while participating was technically optional, administrators encouraged all residents to attend the interviews. Residents were told that "not cooperating would make things worse for [them]" and residents were generally worried that Senior House would be closed entirely, so many students chose to participate in the interviews, Ramos said.

"It felt like we were all going through a [Committee on Discipline] process, except the majority of us hadn't done anything wrong," Ramos wrote to *The Tech*.

Ramos mentioned that administrators seemed to not believe residents who told them they didn't know anything about drug activity in the dorm and that administrators "seemed to only accept evidence when it already fit their idea about what was happening" in Senior House.

The minutes reported that 75 percent of residents participated in the interviews and that the interviewers discovered "distribution patterns" of drugs both among Senior House residents as well as outside of the dorm.

The chancellor confirmed that a majority of residents participated in the interviews.

Privacy of information during the turnaround

The chancellor and Senior House leadership both confirmed to *The Tech* that they were working together to respect students' privacy with regard to the "dangerous behavior" in the dorm, especially after students responded negatively to the amount of information administrators shared last summer with the community regarding the decision to disallow freshmen in the dorm.

"[It was] my understanding that the students wanted us to keep this private," Barnhart said.

Madera confirmed that Senior House residents expressed a similar desire for privacy, but said it "felt like a double-edged sword in the fact that it benefited individuals' privacy and was something administration did not want to be public, but was detrimental to the community as a whole."

"I think there's a better way to handle [the secrecy] than we did. That's on both [students and administrators]," Madera said, explaining that they should have further discussed the extent of the secrecy.

"I was afraid to talk about it with anyone, even with UA and DormCon," Madera said. "There was this fear that if I said something, it would get back to administration and show that we weren't acting in 'good faith' by respecting the terms of the agreement and we would effectively lose all trust, jeopardizing the entire community."

Madera told *The Tech* that residents were under the impression that if they spoke out against the review process in any way, that the administration would be compelled to reveal information that residents prefered to keep private.

A common narrative among Senior House students is that they often felt that talking to *The Tech* or other non-residents would jeopardize their position in the turnaround.

The chancellor was visibly shocked upon hearing that students were under this impression and said that this was not the situation as she understood it. "I think every student can talk to whomever they want about whatever they want," Barnhart said.

Progress and setbacks during the turnaround

In December 2016, the chancellor announced that everyone was "on the right trajectory ... to welcome first-year students back to Senior House in the fall."

"I think a lot of residents believe that the culture did get dramatically better this year," Sarah Melvin '18, president of the UA and member of the Senior House turnaround team said in an interview with *The Tech*. "There was a significant reduction in substance use in the community, and people were focusing more on positive projects and academics."

"But," she added, "you can't expect a whole community to be fixed in a few months."

Melvin told *The Tech* she was given the impression that the pressure to take extreme action came from senior administration, rather than from DSL, in response to a perceived insufficient change in the situation.

Melvin said that various programs discussed in the fall as part of the turnaround were never given the chance to be implemented. These programs included alumni connections, peer mentorship, hall chair positions, and drug and alcohol training beyond the single screening event that took place. There was an emphasis on student input in carrying out these programs — something that's lacking, Melvin said, in the Pilot 2021 framework.

The "turnaround process all but stopped after IAP. The chancellor stopped scheduling the larger committee meetings and a lot of the smaller committees sort of petered out," Melvin said. "So it was frustrating to hear the chancellor say that they tried, that the turnaround was a chance for the students to improve — but they didn't really give us a chance to implement all the stuff we discussed."

"Senior House residents acknowledge the community is struggling with drug abuse and mental health," Melvin said. "But the philosophy of the turnaround was to build relationships and support networks, which are now being taken away from residents."

Concurrent with the turnaround, an Institute committee consisting of faculty, administration, and students discussed the future of smoking at Senior House. Melvin, a student member of the committee, speculated that the recent decision to ban smoking was a unilateral decision that ignores the recommendations of the committee, which did not push for such a ban.

Moving forward: upperclassmen in Senior House

Upperclassmen will be able to apply, via a "selective" process, to live in the dorm and will have the option to apply as an "upperclassmen resident" or as a Resident Peer Mentor. Both types of applicants need to list one to two MIT faculty or staff members as references.

It is unclear how many residents will be allowed to return to Senior House.

In order to be considered for a role as an RPM, students must be a full-time undergraduate with a 4.0 GPA or higher. The position is compensated with a reduced housing cost.

New House residents scheduled to move into Senior House this fall will not have to fill out the application.

Barnhart emphasized in her email to Senior House that the application process will be highly selective. All students who apply to live in Senior House will also have to fill out a housing preferences form ranking other dorms in order to secure a housing assignment while their application is being reviewed.

Barnhart confirmed to *The Tech* that all current Senior House residents who are not admitted to live in the dorm come fall will be guaranteed other on-campus housing. The email stated that a relocation team will help students relocate with groups of friends; however, the application only allows current residents to select up to two other students to move with.

The chancellor said that around 15 New House residents were slated to move into Senior House, but once the decision to move residents out of Senior House was made, more beds became available and several New House communities were given the option of moving to Senior House while New House is renovated.

"It's entirely up to the New House students if they want to switch into Senior House," the chancellor said.

Several students who had previously been confirmed to transfer into Senior House this fall through the normal dorm transfer process told *The Tech* that the housing office informed them they need to change their housing plans and that they can apply, like current residents can, to live in Senior House as upperclassmen students or peer mentors.

Barnhart says that her office has discussed continuing some of the resources for current Senior House residents that were introduced during the turnaround such as connecting the students with the S^3 dean who held drop-in hours in the dorm.

Program will have focus on wellbeing

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standard dining hall plan.

"From rock climbing, to meditating, to rolling maki sushi or baking bread — you can do it all in this new residential program that is designed to support your inquisitiveness by offering you a spectrum of opportunities," said Suzy Nelson, vice president and dean for student life, in an email describing Pilot 2021 to freshmen.

Students on the ec-discuss mailing list pointed out that these are things that students can do and already do in existing communities.

Chancellor Cynthia Barnhart PhD '88 said that Pilot 2021's features were decided by considering desires that freshmen have previously expressed, such as career exploration and faculty connections, and also by incorporating freshman programming that exists in other MIT dorms such as peer mentoring, which "has been well received" in Baker, Simmons, and Maseeh.

Some of the new dining additions to the dorm such as the community pantry were informed by the Campus Dining Survey sent out this past spring, Barnhart said.

Sarah Melvin '18, a current Senior House resident and president of the UA, asserted in an interview with *The Tech* that while principles such as career exploration and healthy eating were valuable, they are not values that an organic community can be built around. Other residents of Senior House, which is presently the oldest MIT dorm, have expressed similar reservations.

Whether members of the Class of 2021 who live in Senior House this fall will be able to continue living there in subsequent years is undecided as of now, the chancellor said.

"An important thing to point out here is that this is a year's solution," the chancellor said, explaining that Pilot 2021 is an interim solution to the housing challenges resulting from moving current Senior House residents out of E2.

"What to do with the dorm is something that we are literally at the very early stages of thinking about. We believe we need a deliberative process that engages everyone to think long-term, and we need a year to do that. But because of the need to use the beds, we have a few months to come up with a plan for next year," the chancellor said.

"I'll dispel this rumor: this is not about creating a mostly freshman dorm or a freshman dorm. This is about thinking about how can we create opportunities for a really good MIT residential life experience," the chancellor said.

Barnhart said that over the course of the coming year, she will engage with students and faculty to discuss what the long term future of Senior House should be.

The freshman housing lottery has been extended to 5 p.m. June 20 so freshmen have additional time to evaluate whether they want to join the Pilot 2021 community. In 2016, before freshmen were banned from living in Senior House, six freshmen ranked Senior House as their top choice living group, according to Barnhart. Senior House currently has a capacity of 130 students.

Allie Stanton '18, vice president of DormCon, told *The Tech* that DormCon was not aware that a freshman-focused community was being considered for Senior House.

Stanton said that many of the proposed elements of Pilot 2021 were "related, tangentially or otherwise" to suggestions brought up in DormCon meetings and committees with administrators and students but that DormCon was not directly involved in planning or developing the Pilot 2021 programming. DormCon was never told "when, where, or how" any of those ideas would be implemented.

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Students Protest Senior House Decisions

Students gathered in Lobby 7 Friday to protest recent decisions made by MIT administrators regarding removing residents from Senior House and launching Pilot 2021 in the building. Protesters marched to the chancellor's office to give speeches.

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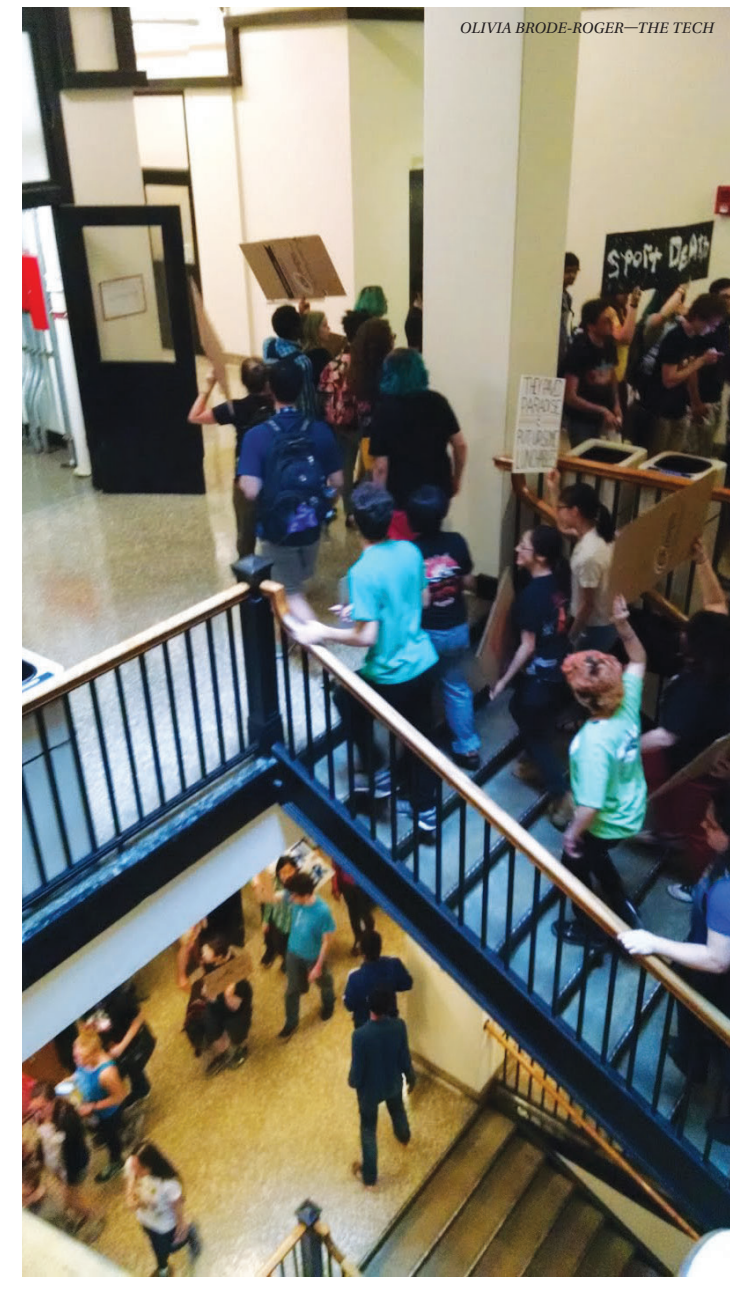

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GUEST COLUMN

Why Pilot 2021 is everyone's problem

More than Senior House is at stake

By Eurah J. Ko
GUEST COLUMNIST

When I visited MIT during CPW, I was confused by the students' usage of the word "culture," especially with respect to dorms. To me, a dorm was nothing more than a residence, a space where there were twin size beds your feet would hang off the end of, where you wore slippers in the showers. I especially did not understand places like East Campus and Senior House, where there were murals and dyed hair and loud music blaring in the courtyard. These people all seemed to be trying too hard to be scary and weird (and it worked, I was pretty scared), and I had simply wanted to live somewhere clean and mildly friendly. Whatever this "culture" thing entailed, I did not want to be a part of it. I ended up living in Next for all four years of MIT; I lived there because it seemed clean and mildly friendly.

I came out of college a very different person from the person coming in. Next House definitely became more than just a residence for me. Whenever someone asks me about what MIT was like, I will happily talk how important dorm culture was for my transition into adulthood. Helping Next Big Thing build ziplines and slides in the courtyard not only taught me how to use a power drill, but it also taught me that, with enough initiative, you can make things that you thought were silly ideas into tangible things. While pushing through safety proposals and designs, I learned how to negotiate with people whom I thought had complete control of the situation. I also learned, both from Next House and from friends living in other places (especially my East Side ones), how to accept myself and my queerness, how to live life differently than what my parents had intended for me. I learned how to deal with my own freedom and the responsibility that came with it. From these experiences, I got a taste of what life was like after MIT, better than I did from the toughest project classes, and I was lucky to have those experiences from the relative safety and stability of a dorm.

What makes MIT great is that these sorts of important formative experiences aren't limited to one dorm or living group. They can be found all over campus, each with their own unique perspectives and philosophies to offer. And this is why I'm angry and frightened at the sanitization of Senior House and the Pilot 2021 Program, despite the fact that I never lived there. When I talk to my friends from Senior House, their experiences differ wildly from the ones I had at Next, yet the fundamental lessons we learned are often the same: to be comfortable with one's self and to never be intimidated by circumstances. Every person is different and thus requires a different environment to flourish and grow in — to learn how to express themselves as a person beyond their college degree. I am angry because MIT is killing off yet another vibrant home that had added a great deal of color to the campus ecosystem. I am angry that Senior House is being replaced with Pilot 2021, a program that represents the dismantling of student autonomy, of top-down hand-holding from the administration. Pilot 2021, however well-intentioned, is outright gentrification, and it stands in direct opposition to the organic grit and individualism that Senior House brought.

What's more, I am frightened by the word "Pilot." I am afraid that, despite what the administration is trying to say to reassure us, that this is the vision for all residencies in the future. I am afraid that the spectrum of places ranging from the counter-cultural to the conservative will be wiped out into a bland sameness. There are not many colleges in the world where people can feel completely comfortable with expressing themselves and all of their rough edges, and if MIT keeps on going in this direction, there will be even fewer spaces where that is possible.

I am afraid of the apathy that comes once the initial flames of rage die down, especially on part of the West Campus dorms, the fraternities, and the sororities, so this is why I write this. This is not just a problem for the East Side. If you care about your residence and the ability for it to offer things that no other place can, then the attack on Senior House is also an attack on your home. Reach further than posting on Facebook and mailings lists, reach out to DormCon and to the UA and ask how you can help. Write the Alumni Association and to the Division of Student Life. Make your discontent heard by those who need to hear it.

I hope that, perhaps ironically, you guys will be able to come together to fight for the diversity of experiences and identities that are possible at MIT. Please don't just stand by and watch. I truly wish for the students that will come after us to be blessed with the same wonderful homes we have been afforded. Sport Death, sport it from every corner of campus, sport it for years to come.

Eurah J. Ko is a member of the MIT Class of 2016.

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Steer Roast

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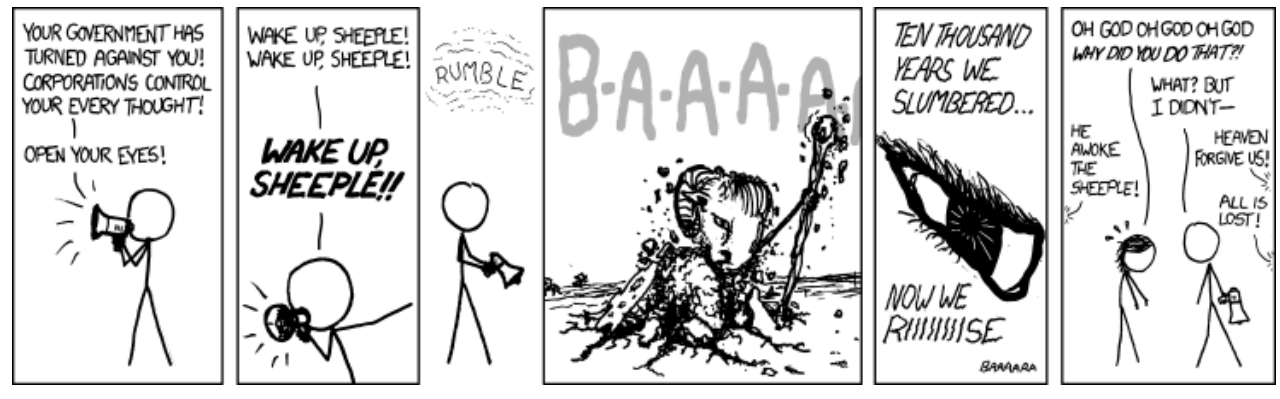

You will be led to judgement like lambs to the slaughter–a simile whose existence, I might add, will not do your species any favors.

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Sport Death

Solution, page 3

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East-West Solidarity

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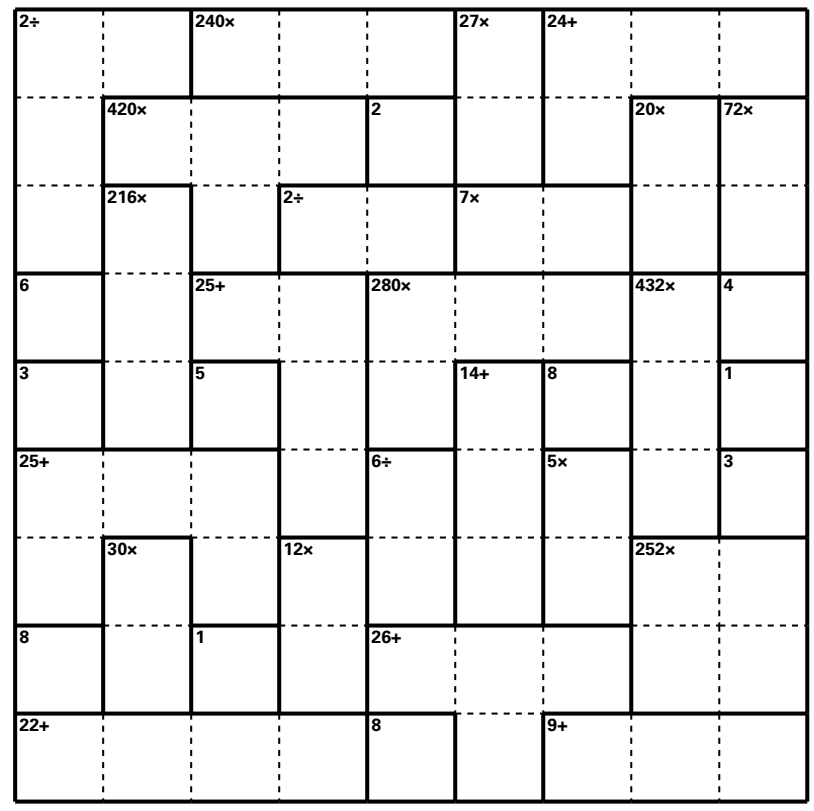

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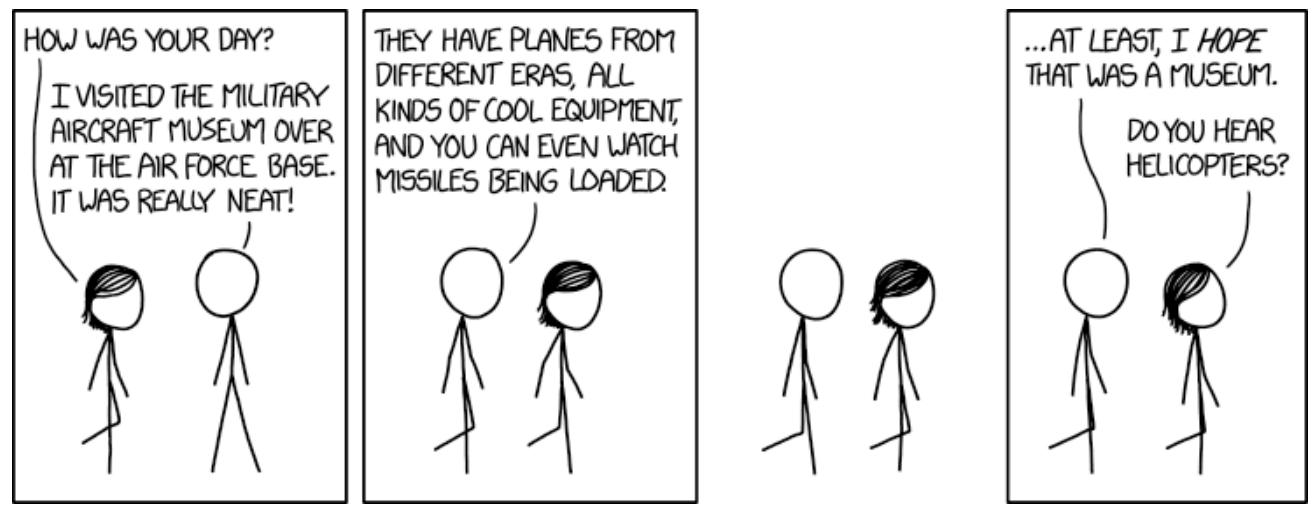
A WEBCOMIC OF ROMANCE, SARCASM, MATH, AND LANGUAGE

by Randall Munroe

[1850] Air Force Museum



I had fun visiting the museum at Dover Air Force Base, unless they don't have a museum, in which case I've never been to Delaware in my life.

Between the Seas by S.N.

Solution, page 3

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1 Ready to skate
8 Software whiz
14 Widespread
16 Get some air
17 Change, as page designations
18 Clog
19 Hematite holder
20 Exclamation of elation
22 Secret sentences
23 Ideology
24 Some arena exits
26 W, as in "how"
27 Comics sound of dismay
29 Stick on
31 Wild about
33 Possible pre-med major
34 Staples merchant
38 It sounds like showers
39 Hidden agenda
41 Trademarked art
42 Ball game
44 Clear (of)
45 Stereo descendant
46 While
48 Elvis' record label
49 Alan Ladd western
52 Something shipped from Washington
54 USAF rank
57 Scottish inventor
58 Swiftness stat.
59 Minerva alias
61 Simpsons bartender's voice
63 Did impressions of
65 Peter the Great's explorer
66 Suburban home style
67 Road hazards
68 Metal band

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1 Titre d'un monarque
2 Impressionists
3 Suitable for filming
4 Cabinet dept.
5 Set limits for
6 Eclipse shadow
7 Mud concoction
8 Sound of steam
9 Dragonfly prey
10 Regular buyer of bars
11 Pop-art punch
12 Shake off
13 Shake off
15 In 22 Across
21 Ballpark fig.
25 Water carrier
26 '70s den innovation
28 What Target's rings are
30 Got some seasoning
31 Its website has a Forms & Pubs section
32 It means "latter-day"
33 Disclose
35 Fine and dandy
36 How Augustus said "I"
37 Towel holder
40 Baby-talk trait
43 Prior night
47 Restorative ritual
48 1984 Olympics star
49 Cottony creations
50 Nut tree
51 Early video console company
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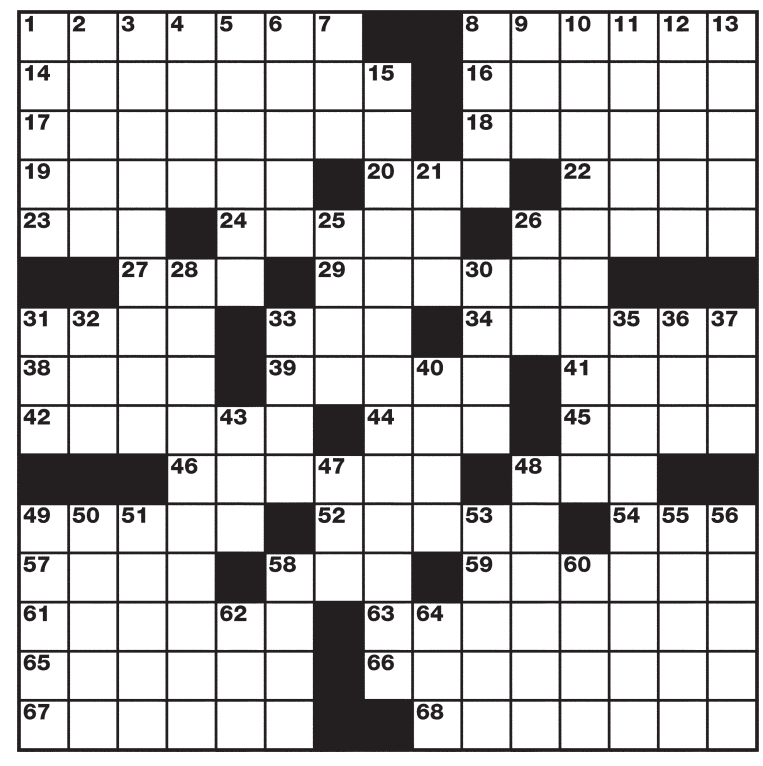

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